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**Yavapai Regional Partnership Council
Access and Affordability Administrative Home
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
RFGA # FTF-RC022-10-0071-00
FACT SHEET**

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST YAVAPAI REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY ADMINISTRATIVE HOME RFGA?

The Yavapai Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation of the following two strategies:

- Provide an Administrative Home to oversee the implementation of a Grant and Stipend Program to increase infant and toddler enrollment capacity at centers and homes that provide comprehensive, quality early care and education throughout the Yavapai Region.
- Provide an Administrative Home to oversee the implementation of a Scholarship Program to increase the number of children that are able to receive comprehensive, quality early care and education. Such scholarships are aimed at stabilizing families who are experiencing financial stress due to the economic downturn, whether they are working families, families looking for work, or families seeking new job skills to attain or maintain employment.

Successful implementation will result in an increase in the number of young children ages 0-5 that are able to receive comprehensive, affordable, quality early care and education in the Yavapai region.

Organizations responding to this RFGA must be capable of providing an Administrative Home to oversee and administer these regional programs. Specifically, these strategies will be accomplished through the provision of: Planning and Start-up Grants for development, expansion, or facility improvement. Provider Stipends to offset the higher costs of providing infant and toddler care to early care and education centers and homes that commit to provide an increased number of infant and toddler enrollment slots. Scholarships aimed at helping address the affordability of care for families of children ages 0-5 whose household income falls at or below 200 percent of the 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$480,151 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be September 1, 2009 - to June 30, 2010.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

April 8, 2009	RFGA available on-line
April 21, 2009	Pre-application Conference Prescott Public Library, Founders's Suites A & B, 2:00pm – 5:00pm 215 E Goodwin Street, Prescott, Arizona 86303-3911
May 21, 2009	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 2:00 p.m.
September 1, 2009	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after April 8, 2009: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC022-10-0071-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.